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C.O.P.T. MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Delaware State Police Academy
Route 13, Dover, Delaware State Police

I. Meeting called to order by Chairman Coupe at 10:50 a.m.

II. Those in attendance were:

MEMBERS

Secretary Robert M. Coupe, Chairman – Council on Police Training

Jeffrey Horvath – Delaware Police Chiefs' Council

Mr. Robert Irwin – Proxy for Matthew P. Denn, Attorney General

Major Robert A. Hudson II – Proxy for Colonel Nathaniel McQueen, Delaware State Police

Chief Robert Tracy – Wilmington Police Department

Captain Diane Smith – Proxy for Colonel Vaughn Bond Jr., New Castle County Police Department

Chief Marvin Mailey Jr. – Dover Police Department

Sergeant Christopher Jones – Proxy for Chief Paul Tiernan, Newark Police Department

Mr. Jermaine Hatton – President, Delaware League of Local Governments

Mayor Robin R. Christiansen – Mayor of the City of Dover

Chief William Bryson, Chairman- Camden Police Department

ADMINISTRATOR

Captain Jennifer D. Griffin – Delaware State Police

LEGAL COUNSEL

DAG Rae M. Mims – Department of Justice

GUESTS

Captain Marshall Craft – Delaware State Police
Chief Scott Collins -Selbyville PD
Michael Chionchio – State Fire Marshalls Office
Master Police Officer Carolyn Lund – University of Delaware PD
Captain Douglas Messeck – DNREC
Lt. David Hake Jr. - Delaware State Police
Lt. Michael Wysock - Delaware State Police
Christopher Klein – Deputy Principal Assistant Department of Homeland Security
Wayne Kline – Chief of Enforcement DNREC State Parks
Douglas Messeck – Regional Enforcement DNREC F&W
Ward Scott Collins - Selbyville PD
Susan Bunting – Secretary of Education
Keith Banks – Rehoboth Beach PD
Kenneth McLaughlin – Ocean View PD
Captain James Gestwicki – Wilmington PD

- III. Review and approval of October 31, 2017, C.O.P.T. meeting minutes
Chairman Coupe entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the October 31, 2017, meeting. A motion was made by Mayor Robin Christiansen and seconded by Chief William Bryson to approve the minutes of the October 31, 2017, meeting; approved unanimously.

IV. Reactivation

A. Teddy Tyson – Delaware State University PD

Chairman Coupe entertained a motion to approve the reactivation of Teddy Tyson. A motion was made by Robert Irwin and seconded by Chief William Bryson to approve the reactivation of Teddy Tyson. Approved unanimously.

B. Russell Carter – Ocean View PD

Chairman Coupe entertained a motion to approve the reactivation of Russell Carter. A motion was made by Robert Irwin and seconded by Chief William Bryson to approve the reactivation of Russell Carter. Approved unanimously

V. Decertification of Officers

A. Michael R. Flaherty – DSP (Hearing)

Chairman Coupe entertained a motion to decertify Michael R. Flaherty, based on the hearing board's recommendations. A motion was made by Chief William Bryson to decertify Michael R. Flaherty and seconded by Chief Mailey. All approved. Major Hudson Abstained.

B. Michael DeFelice – Wilmington PD (Administrative)

Chairman Coupe entertained a motion to decertify Michael DeFelice. A motion was made by to decertify Michael DeFelice and seconded by Chief William Bryson. Chief Robert Tracy Abstained.

VI. Certification of Officers (Reciprocity)

A. David Brown 5370 Delmar PD

Chairman Coupe entertained a motion to approve the certification of David Brown. A motion was made by Robert Irwin and seconded by Chief Robert Tracy to certify David Brown. Approved unanimously.

VII. Certified Firearms Instructors

A. Joseph T. Fitzgerald III – NCC

Chairman Coupe entertained a motion to approve the sponsored certified instructor Joseph T. Fitzgerald. A motion was made by Chief William Bryson to approve the certified instructors named above; and seconded by Chief Robert Irwin. Approved unanimously.

B. James Gooch – Camden PD

Chairman Coupe entertained a motion to approve the sponsored certified instructor James Gooch. A motion was made by Mayor Robin R. Christiansen to approve the certified instructors named above; and seconded by Chief Robert Irwin. Approved unanimously.

VIII. Old Business

- A. Steve Rust submitted documentation for Sussex Tech High School seasonal officer certification. Mr. Rust was unable to appear before the council; however, the curriculum was reviewed by Captain Griffin. The board voted to have DAG Rae Mims draft a MOU for a better understanding as to what is needed and expected by the C.O.P.T. Chairman Coupe entertained a motion to approve the Sussex Tech High School seasonal officer certification pending the M.O.U. A motion was made by Major Hudson, and second by Chief Bryson. Approved unanimously.

- B. Sgt. Chris Jones – Master Firearms Instructors needed – Certified Instructors outside Certification option

Chairman Coupe entertained a motion to approve the certified instructors outside certification option. Chief William Bryson made a motion to approve the outside

certification of Sgt. Chris Jones, Robert Irwin seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

IX. New Business

A. ALERRT Training Compliance

Chairman Coupe entertained a motion to set a time limit for ALERRT training for officers who have returned to full duty after being off for medical reasons and/or Military duty. Officers will have 6 months to complete ALERRT training. Chief William Bryson made the motion and Robert Irwin seconded the motion. Motion Carries.

B. Implicit Bias Training

Chairman Coupe to address Implicit Explicit Bias training at the next meeting. It will be held for Old Business.

C. Heather Golding – Delaware State University PD- Certification update

Chairman Coupe entertained a motion to table this until the next meeting under old Business. Legal guidance is requested to proceed with rendering a decision in this matter. Chief Downes or a Delaware State University representative will be required.

D. C.O.P.T. Regulations and Policies revision

Christopher Klein addressed the board and guests on C.O.P.T. regulations review and revisions initiative. As such three (3) subcommittees were formed and chairs were appointed.

Administration Subcommittee chair: Major Robert Hudson ~DSP

Personnel & H.R. Subcommittee chair: Captain Diane Smith ~ NCCPD

Training Subcommittee chair: Chief William Bryson ~ Camden PD

X. Adjournment

Chairman Coupe entertained a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Chief Bryson and seconded by Chief Robert Tracy to adjourn. Approved unanimously at approximately 12:25p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at 10:30 A.M. hours at the DSP Training Academy in Dover.